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GLOBE DISTRICT MINING NEWS

Railroad Washouts Delay the Completion of Old Dominion Smelter

SEPTEMBER 15 IS THE DATE

When Furnaces Will be Ready to Blow in. Advices From Boston Show Company in Remarkably Good Financial Condition

The Old Dominion management has been working a large force of men during the past ten days razing the old smelter and hurrying the new plant toward completion. Nothing remains in place at the old smelter except the brick work of two furnaces. The two Sterling boilers have been placed on trucks and a temporary track has been laid, over which they are to be removed, to be installed elsewhere.

The new smelter is nearing completion, although there is still considerable work to be done before the furnaces can be blown in. The washouts on the G. V. G. & N. railroad will cause a delay of about ten days in starting the new plant, as some of the machinery and material needed to finish the work have been detained in transit. It is probable, however, that everything will be in readiness to blow in the first furnace about September 15, or soon thereafter. There is considerable track to be laid about the smelter. Grading is under way south of the new smelter building for the main track running parallel with the present track, which is to be used as a switch to the old coke and ore bins. The new ore bins are finished and also the trestle connecting them with the feed floor of the smelter building.

The recent heavy rains have interfered only slightly with the surface work. The most serious result was the caving from the surface of the old mine workings near the big open cut east of the old shaft. The bottom of the gulch fell out and considerable water from the surface found its way into the mine. To prevent flooding in the future the break in the gulch has been flamed.

Work is progressing on the steel ore bins at the new shaft and the excavation for the ore slates at the end of the boiler house has been finished. Other improvements are well advanced.

OLD DOMINION FINANCES

Expenditures for the New Plant and Net Earnings

Up to July 1 the Old Dominion company has spent \$708,365 upon its plant at Globe, and while the new plant is generally spoken of as a \$1,000,000 plant, the management hopes to be able to complete its new work within \$800,000 and to be able to do this without borrowing any additional money, says the Boston News Bureau.

The management is charging all new underground work, including the sinking of the new shaft, against the cost of its copper—a matter of between \$6000 and \$10,000 per month.

Of the \$708,365 which has been expended upon the new plant, \$226,000 represents borrowed money, \$200,000 was derived from the sale of matte and the balance from net earnings, for the Old Dominion company has earned about \$200,000 in the first six months of this year. These earnings have all been derived from ore which has come out of the property and not through the treatment of slag or flue dust, as has been reported.

The converter plant will not be completed until late in the fall and it is the hope of the management that by the time it is called upon to meet the balance of its construction payments, its new smelter will be in operation and the company in a position to show sufficient net earnings to provide for construction expenses without borrowing any more money.

The Old Dominion smelter is expected to be in operation in September. In the meantime the old plant, which has been giving such a good account of itself, has been shut down. One of the furnaces exploded recently, damaging the old plant, and it is the understanding in the Boston office that it has been shut down in consequence, in which case the August output of the company will be very small, possibly less than 75,000 pounds.

It appears that Mr. Fitzgerald, of Towle & Fitzgerald, of Boston, who has been identified with the litigation against the Old Dominion Copper

Mining company to prevent a merger with the United Globe Mines, has not given up the fight. He says that the current idea to the effect that all attempts to prevent the management from going ahead with the combination that has been arranged have been abandoned is an erroneous one. The last decision of the court is still open to appeal and matters are now being shaped up by counsel with a view to taking such appeal later on. He believes that while the property is making an excellent showing at the present time, it can be made to do still better under different methods of management. Mr. Fitzgerald is certainly hard to please.

WALKER SET RIGHT ON OLD DOMINION

Geo. L. Walker, of the Boston Commercial, who appears never to miss an opportunity to "knock" Old Dominion, recently made the assertion that Old Dominion was getting its big production of late from flue dust, slag and second-class ore.

The Commercial gives space to a denial of this statement, made by an official of the Old Dominion company, who says the smelter "has been running chiefly on ores from the new stopes in its mines. It has recently smelted considerable ore from the sulphide deposits found in the Old Dominion lower workings, which yield from 10 per cent to 30 per cent copper. Not a little of the increase in production has come from greater savings. Formerly the loss in the slag amounted to 50 to 60 pounds of copper, and it has now been reduced to about 10 pounds. An increase of 40 pounds in the amount of copper saved from each ton of ore makes a great difference in a month's product."

Mr. Walker visited Globe several years ago and spent an hour or so around the Old Dominion works, which, doubtless, he thinks entitles him to write learnedly about the condition and prospects of the property for an unlimited period of time.

UNITED VERDE RETURNING TO NORMAL PRODUCTION

A staff correspondent of the Engineering and Mining Journal writes:

The United Verde mine will soon be on its old basis as a copper producer. For many years the output of the United Verde alone made Jerome the largest copper mining camp in the southwest, but since 1889, when the record production of 44,000,000 pounds was reached, operations have fallen off considerably each year. There is no reason for believing that the decline has been due to any exhaustion of the ore bodies, as the underground fire which has been burning for the past five years and the necessity of overhauling the surface plant are adequate explanations of the decreased production.

The company has recently re-equipped the main shaft, which will afford greater hoisting facilities. The smelter is also being re-built; two of the 250-ton furnaces have been replaced by furnaces of 500 tons capacity each, and eventually a third furnace of the same size will be set up. A vast chamber of unusually large dimensions is also in course of construction. The ore taken from the United Verde mine is almost solid sulphides with little fine material, and requires no concentration. It is heap-roasted before smelting.

LAKE SUPERIOR & ARIZONA

Company Reorganized. Will Make Regular Shipments of Ore

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Superior & Arizona Mining company, held in Globe on August 20, a plan of reorganization was adopted and the name of the company changed to Lake Superior & Arizona Mining & Smelting company. The company's mine is reported to be looking as well, if not better, than ever it did.

Recently returns were received from a shipment of ore made to the Val Verde smelter, consisting of one car containing 52,150 pounds gross, with 522 pounds moisture, making the net weight 51,628 pounds. The total values contained in this amount of ore were: Gold, \$230.51; silver, \$30.99; copper, \$1026.28; iron, \$12.91; total, \$1900.69. Smelter and transportation charges, \$398.07; balance, \$1502.62, or \$57.75 per ton, net.

The company has decided to make regular shipments of this class of ore, as they now have several thousand tons of it on the dumps and in sight in the mine.

Manager A. C. Siebth, who was here to attend the stockholders' meeting, left for the mine on Monday.

J. C. McClure has been appointed engineer of maintenance of way on the Maricopa & Phoenix & Salt River Valley, and Gila Valley, Globe & Northern railroads by a general order published by President Epes Randolph.

LOCAL MINING NEWS

It is expected that President C. S. Smith of the Old Dominion will visit Globe in the near future.

J. F. Hechtman, president of the Globe Mining company, informs us that a strike of rich silver ore was made today, at a depth of 135 feet, in the shaft of the Miami mine, owned by the company. The ore is more than a foot wide and runs several hundred ounces to the ton in silver and carries considerable gray copper. The silver occurs in the form of horn and malleable. The find will be prospected further.

John W. Sisson, Edwin D. Washburne, Mr. Jenks and several other stockholders of the Troy-Manhattan Copper Mining company, spent last week at the mines. Work is proceeding at the Davis shaft, where the important discovery of wolfeinite made sometime since is being opened up. The concentrating machinery to treat this product has arrived at Kelvin, and will be hauled to Troy as soon as practicable. Work is also going on in the Queen tunnel, on an upraise to meet the Alice shaft.

H. Terrill, who has charge of the Cowboy, Gladys and several other promising gold claims at Dripping Springs for a company of Oklahoma capitalists, was here during the week. Development has now reached a depth where Mr. Terrill thinks it advisable to equip the mine with machinery. The gentlemen at the head of the enterprise had expected to visit the property ere this and arrange for the purchase of a hoist and other equipment, but matters of more pressing concern have detained them in Oklahoma. Mr. Terrill is making his headquarters at Troy during the temporary suspension of work at Dripping Springs.

It is said that the Santa Fe has decided to abandon that portion of its line through Traxton canyon which recently suffered so disastrous a washout, and will build a connecting link through Crozier canyon, north of the present line of road. In the Crozier canyon it will be possible to keep out of the wash by building along the lower rim of the canyon. Years ago A. M. Beal, of the G. V. G. & N., when superintendent of that division of the Santa Fe, recommended that that identical change of route be made, and had the company then acted on his advice it would have saved a big expense and several interruptions to traffic.

The saloon run by Chas. Williams, near Livingston, has been closed by an injunction issued by Judge Doan. The order is temporary but will doubtless be made permanent. Williams has sold the building.

SENSATION AT NOGALES

S. F. Swain, Late Cashier of International Bank Is Missing

A dispatch from Nogales, Ariz., to the Citizen says: "Excitement continues here over the announcement that L. F. Swain, late cashier of the defunct International bank, had concluded to avoid trial. Mr. Ives, the attorney of Swain, admits that he received a letter from his client stating that he would not come and face a jury."

It is also a fact that the bail bond of Swain for \$5000 is worthless. It is, in fact, a bogus bond. It was never signed by Swain and the air is full of rumors regarding the matter. Of course the responsibility is up to the justice of the peace who accepted the "bond" and all kinds of stories are in circulation. The most latent view taken is that the justice was merely ignorant. This, however, is not the prevailing view. Harder things are said of the magistrate.

"UNCLE JOHN" EPLEY IS LAID AT REST

The interment of the remains of Addison T. Epley, one of the flood victims on August 17, took place last Friday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of F. L. Jones.

Rev. Wm. Renison read the Episcopal burial service and some choice music was rendered by the choir. There was genuine sorrow shown by the old-time friends of "Uncle John," as the deceased was familiarly called, and who had come in and out among them for a quarter of a century, always the same kindly, dignified old gentleman, a true friend and a good citizen.

Since the death of his brother more than a year ago, deceased had grown quite feeble, and had come to depend upon his good friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cramer, who had looked after his comfort and by many little acts of kindness had shown an interest in him. Deceased, had he lived one day longer, would have been 81 years of age.

DEMOCRATS IN CLOSE CONTEST

Primaries Give Rival Candidates Almost Equal Strength in Delegates

CONTESTS WILL BE FILED

Election in Globe a Farce. Many Illegal Votes Were Cast. Time That a Reform in Primary Election Methods Was Instituted

Democratic primaries were held last Saturday in all the precincts of Gila county except San Carlos. The contest was waged chiefly in the interest of the rival candidates for the nomination of sheriff, J. H. Thompson and E. P. Shanley, and the result appears to be so close between them that it is impossible to tell which will have a majority of delegates and succeed in organizing the convention that is to meet here on Saturday.

In Globe the Shanley supporters were out in force and did effective work, as shown by the count of ballots. The highest and lowest vote received by candidates for delegates on the Shanley ticket were 395 and 382 respectively, and on the Thompson ticket 193 and 179. Thompson practically let the election in this precinct go by default, as he had no workers at the polls and depended on the outside precincts to give him one majority in the convention, and as far as heard from, all these chose Thompson delegates.

The Shanley people claim that the Roosevelt primary was manipulated in favor of Thompson, and two or three days after the regular primary was held a few of the supporters of Shanley at Roosevelt got together and chose delegates to contest the precinct in the convention.

Thos. McShane, who participated in the election held at Roosevelt on Saturday, informed us that the proceedings were regular. The election board was organized by the election of McShane as chairman, Dr. S. B. Claypool, secretary and W. S. Sultan and Doc Pursey tellers. A resolution was offered that the polls be kept open from 2 o'clock to 6 p. m., to which an amendment was offered that the polls be closed as soon as those present had voted. The reason for this was that some of the men had to go to work at 3 o'clock, and others at 6 o'clock.

The amendment was adopted, Mr. McShane says, with only one vote in the negative. Thirty-one votes were cast. J. C. Evans receiving one majority and Chas. Maxwell and J. D. Honston tying, Maxwell subsequently withdrawing in Houston's favor.

As the reason for not holding an election at San Carlos on Saturday, it is stated that all the democrats of that precinct, with the exception of two, were on the other side of the Gila river and that the river was too high to ford. A mass meeting was held at San Carlos on Tuesday, called by Committeeman W. G. Duncan, at which a delegate favorable to Thompson was elected. It is said that Shanley will also contest San Carlos.

If there are grounds for contest in the Roosevelt and San Carlos precincts, there certainly is in Globe, where republicans and nonresidents were allowed to vote, and objectionable methods employed in securing votes.

The outlook is certainly not reassuring for harmonious action in Saturday's convention. The delegates to the convention from Globe precinct are: Pat Rose, R. C. Sloan, W. Mills Williams, E. T. Stewart, Frank L. Gates, W. H. Rawlings, Harry Sultan, C. W. Gibson, Andy P. Flood, D. S. Herron, Richard Fleming, Wm. Gravelle, Leroy Ikenberry, Cy. Byrne, P. S. Brennan J. P. McNeill, Wm. Millholland.

FLOOD IN SALT RIVER STREAM A MILE WIDE

The greatest flood known for years occurred last Monday night and Tuesday forenoon in upper Salt river valley. It rained heavily all Monday night, and Pinto and Tonto creeks added torrents to the great volume of water in Salt River, which was out of its banks and in places was three-quarters to a mile wide. The water rose to the point where the wagon road crosses Pinto, which is three-quarters of a mile from the channel of the river.

Charles Maxwell, who came up from the river on Tuesday, says that the camp of C. E. Crowley, of Sherer & Co., contractors on the power canal,

was flooded. The water rose three feet in the commissary and the horses in the corral were belly deep in water. No damage to the canal was reported.

Opposite Roosevelt, where Tonto creek enters Salt river, there was a great expanse of water, and at the dam one report was to the effect that the flood was 30 feet deep. Water ran into the diversion tunnel and no doubt carried with it a lot of gravel and sand. Nothing definite could be learned of the damage to the road from the dam to Fish creek, but it must have been considerable.

A MELANCHOLY OCCASION

The Ceremonies Attending the Burial of Three of Flood Victims

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mitchell and Mrs. Ella Brashears (formerly Mrs. Hurd), which took place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, from Odd Fellow's hall, was one of the saddest events that we have been called upon to chronicle for a long time.

The large hall was filled with sympathetic people, assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased whose lives had been ruthlessly cut short by the insatiable flood.

The caskets arranged in the center aisle were covered with a profusion of flowers, the offerings of many sorrowing friends.

Rev. Wm. Renison of St. John's Episcopal church, conducted the impressive services, and the choir rendered several appropriate hymns.

The funeral train was of unusual length, every available vehicle having been pressed into service. At the cemetery Globe Miner's union held a service over the grave of Mr. Mitchell, while the ladies of the Pocahontas lodge conducted the closing ceremony for Mrs. Mitchell, and Rev. Renison performing a like service for Mrs. Brashears.

The grief of the Mitchell brothers, John and Richard, over the loss of their parents, was affecting, and much sympathy was shown for them. It is devoutly to be hoped that Globe will never again witness so sad a scene.

A new time table for the Phoenix & Eastern railroad went into effect on Sunday, August 21, at 12:05 o'clock, mountain time. In accordance with it instead of their being one train each day making a round trip from Phoenix to Kelvin and return, there will be two trains each making a trip one way each day. The south-bound train will leave Phoenix at 11 a. m., arrive at Florence at 2 p. m. and at Kelvin at 4:05 p. m. The north-bound train will leave Kelvin at 9 a. m., reach Florence at 11:15 and arrive in Phoenix at 2 p. m.

The Tucson Citizen notes the return of Eugene J. Trippel from an extensive trip east. While away Mr. Trippel visited the fair at St. Louis and the national meeting of the A.O.U.W. at Meadville, Penn.

FATAL STABBING AFFRAY

A Mexican Killed at the Summit, North of Globe

Last Sunday afternoon Estevan Morales was stabbed and killed by Erman Nunez, in the road in front of the Summit saloon, eighteen miles north of Globe. The quarrel arose over a trivial matter. Nunez had given another Mexican a pair of shoes and sometime afterward demanded them back.

Estevan Morales interposed in a friendly manner, offering to pay for the shoes, which angered Nunez, who called Morales some hard names and the latter slapped him several times. Nunez then advanced on Morales armed with a pocket knife having a blade about 3½ inches long. Morales evaded his assailant for a minute or two by keeping behind one of the other Mexicans, but Nunez finally succeeded in getting near Morales and made a vicious lunge, missing Morales and inflicting a severe wound in his own leg. The second thrust, however, was successful, the blade penetrating Morales' body below the left nipple, and inflicting a mortal wound. Morales died within fifteen minutes.

Frank Thompson, proprietor of the Summit saloon, arrested Nunez and brought him and the body of his victim to Globe on the same stage.

Nunez was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Carico on Tuesday, at which six witnesses to the killing of Morales testified and Nunez made a statement in his own behalf. He claimed that he acted in self-defense, alleging that Morales, who was a much larger man than himself, had threatened to kill him before the day ended.

No weapon of any kind was found on Morales' body, and the testimony of the eyewitnesses to the affray was all against Nunez. He was held by the court, without bonds, to answer to the grand jury.

PARKER TO TOUR THE WEST

Democratic Candidate to Speak in Several of the Large Cities

New York, Aug. 21.—Judge Parker will make an extensive campaign tour in the middle west. The ice was broken when he accepted an invitation from the managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition for himself and Mrs. Parker to visit the fair. It had been his opinion that he should not leave his home on the Hudson. The delegations from Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, where the fights are to be made in the middle west, who had called upon him seeking engagements in their states, were told that the candidate felt he could serve his party better by remaining at home.

Only one or two of his advisers were with him in this decision. It is understood that Mr. Sheehan thinks it is better for him to remain at Exopus, and not go trailing around the country. All others, with the possible exception of Mr. Hill of Albany, say it would be better if he would show himself over the country. No man in public life makes a better impression than Mr. Parker. No one meets those who appear on public occasions to better advantage than he. His friends who know this have been very urgent that he lay aside his prejudices and make a western trip.

Judge Parker finally relented and accepted the invitation to himself and wife to visit the world's fair at St. Louis. The candidate himself would prefer to have it stated that he accepts the invitation of the Missouri Bar association. This is a convenience which is pleasant to him, but really has nothing to do with the general program. He has consented to show himself in the west, and that is the whole proposition so far as the public and the politicians are concerned.

His managers do not propose letting him off so easily. Now that he is going west they declare that he must make formal speeches in Chicago and Indianapolis, and, perhaps, in Milwaukee. He will not admit now that he is to speak in these cities, but his managers know very well that he will do so. In fact, they are quietly making their arrangements accordingly.

Flood at Silver City

A dispatch of August 22 from El Paso says, the biggest flood ever known in the history of Silver City, New Mexico, swept through the town last night after a cloudburst in the mountains above. No lives were lost but there were many narrow escapes, and fifty homes were completely washed away. The Santa Fe road was washed out in many places, and seven bridges are out between Silver City and White Water. An arroyo 20 feet deep and 100 feet wide runs through the town, and this was overflowed.

Phoenix's frantic efforts to take the business incident to the building of the Tonto dam away from Globe is likely to end in expensive failure. Bonds to the amount of \$75,000 were sold for the purpose of constructing a wagon road. It is now announced that the bulk of the money has been spent and the road is barely passable for light vehicles and that the making of a freight road is deemed practically impossible. In any event, the Gila Valley railway will be constructed to the dam very soon, which will render any wagon road of little value.—Arizona Bulletin.

A strong effort is being made to incorporate the town of Douglas, Ariz., the boundaries to include, in addition the original townsite, the Clawson and Meguila additions and the El Paso & Southwestern depot. Petitions have been put in circulation and it is believed that the signatures of the necessary two-thirds of the taxpayers within the described limits will be obtained.

MEXICAN RUN OVER AND KILLED BY A TRAIN

The delayed passenger train that arrived at 1:55 o'clock this morning, ran over and killed a Mexican opposite the water tank in the Globe railroad yard. The man, who was probably drunk, had removed his shoes and laid down on the track and fallen asleep. He had a bottle of whiskey in a pocket of his overalls, and another bottle of the liquor was found near where he had lain.

The head was severed from the body and one hand was also cut off. The body was taken from under the rear coach, 60 feet from where the man was lying when the train first struck him. Rascon is believed to have been the name of the victim, and he had come up from the Salt river storage basin, where he had been working, only a day or two previous.

Acting Coroner C. C. Carico held an inquest over the remains and a verdict of accidental death was rendered in accordance with the facts here stated.